

### Installs First Pipe Line.

The firm of William P. Barnhart & Co., 1707-9 14th street northwest, is the first concern to install a gasoline pipe line at the curb on a business street since the passage of the new police regulation a few weeks ago permitting this new feature. An equipment, costing several hundred dollars, has been installed in connection with the improvement, which was completed yesterday.

### Purchase King "Eights."

Among the recent purchasers of 1915 King eight-cylinder touring cars are the following: L. M. Krutner, H. S. Myers, William G. Myers and W. E. Baker.

### Will Sell Chandler Cars.

Martin Dempf has joined the sales staff of the Warrington Motor Car Company and will engage in the sale of Chandler cars.

## A LITTLE SPRING TONIC

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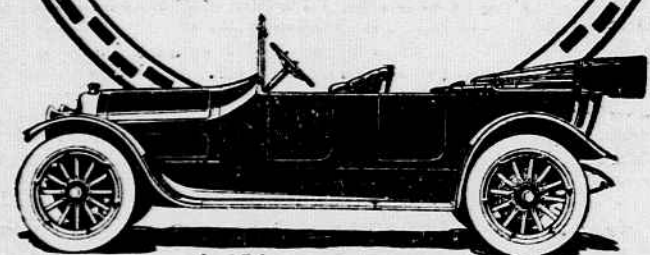
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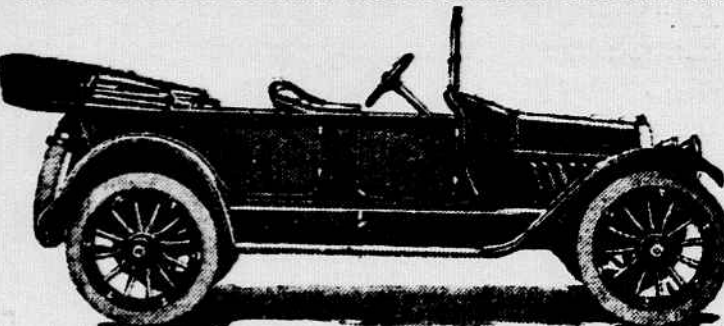
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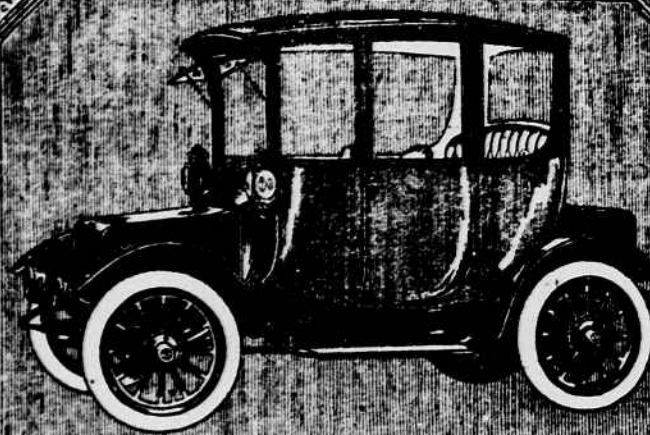
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## MARYLAND JUDGE DEFINES "SPEED"

Holds Motorists Legally Obligated to Be at Pains to Avoid Accidents.

### STATEMENT ON DECISION BY AUTO COMMISSIONER

Greater Speed Than Is Allowed by Law Prima Facie Evidence of Reckless Driving.

Automobile Commissioner Harry A. Roe of Maryland has given out a statement regarding the legal obligation of motorists to be at pains to prevent accidents. Mr. Roe recalled the recent decision of Judge McLean in the case of the state against T. Scott Offutt.

In this decision Judge McLean held that under the law speed in excess of twelve miles an hour in the city, eighteen miles in the suburbs and twenty-five miles in the country districts is prima facie evidence of reckless driving. Judge McLean held, too, that the law does not fix these speed rates as the legal ones; they simply are the limits beyond which driving necessarily becomes reckless. An obligation is upon drivers going at lower speed to avoid recklessness, according to the immediate surrounding conditions. Mr. Roe said:

#### Sustains Auto Law.

"Judge McLean's opinion in the case of the state of Maryland against T. Scott Offutt vigorously sustains the speed provisions of the automobile law and emphasizes strongly the duty imposed upon the motor operator to exercise unusual care and caution in the driving of the motor vehicle.

"The automobile law provides that no person shall operate a motor vehicle over any public highway of the state recklessly or at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the width, traffic and use of the highway." The offense under this law consists of driving recklessly or at an unreasonable or improper rate of speed.

"As a test of what constitutes reckless driving or unreasonable speed, the law has set up a standard of twelve miles an hour in the city, eighteen miles an hour in the suburban section and twenty-five miles an hour in the country district. This means that speed in excess of such rate is prima facie evidence that the motor operator was operating his machine recklessly or at an unreasonable or improper rate of speed and casts the burden of proof upon him to show that under all the circumstances of his particular case the rate of speed was not greater than what was reasonable or proper.

#### Leaves No Room for Doubt.

"As the judge says, 'the language of the law would appear to be so plain as to leave no room for doubt as to the meaning of the legislature in enacting it.' He further says in his opinion, 'the reference in the act to the speeds of twelve, eighteen and twenty-five miles an hour, in certain places, is not for the purpose of establishing those rates of speed as lawful rates to be maintained by operators of motor vehicles in those places. The act simply provides that if those rates of speed are exceeded, the fact alone is in itself prima facie evidence that the operator was driving at a rate greater than what was reasonable and proper and in violation of the law, and it throws the burden of proof on the operator to show the contrary.'"

"Now, what is reasonable and proper speed under the facts of each particular case is the underlying law for it is within common knowledge that slower rates of speed than twelve, eighteen and twenty-five miles an hour in the districts specified can be, and often are, unreasonable and not proper under certain conditions of traffic and upon narrow highways.

"The judge says: 'In short, the law puts it squarely up to the motorist to exercise due care at all times. He has no exclusive or greater rights on the highways than other travelers. On the contrary, owing to the nature, character and ready control of the vehicle which he operates the necessity for greater care of and respect for the rights of others using the highway is cast upon him more than upon the pedestrian, horseman or horse-drawn vehicle,' and the judge closes by saying that 'in fact, all the provisions of the state law governing the motor vehicle traffic are so clear and minute that aside from the element of human carelessness it should be impossible for any operator of a motor vehicle who has read it to go wrong, except by his own willful act.'"

#### AUTO ENGINEERS MEET.

June 14 Fixed for Opening Date of Summer Gathering.

Monday, June 14, has been finally fixed as the opening date for the 1915 summer meeting of the Society of Automobile Engineers. As was practically decided at the recent winter meeting, in New York city, the next meeting will be held in conjunction with an excursion to Georgian bay, and will be similar in many respects to the 1914 and 1913 meetings, save that the route of the trip will be a new one. The excursion will last three days, starting from and returning to Detroit, during which the professional program of five sessions will be carried out.

The Northern Navigation Company's flagship Noranic, which has been chartered for the occasion, in construction and general accommodation is especially well suited to the purpose. Plans now under way are calculated to make the meeting not only one of the most fruitful professional sessions ever held, but a get-together and vacation opportunity that will draw an exceptionally large attendance.

#### Chevrolet Car Deliveries.

During the past week Chevrolet cars were delivered to the following: J. D. Harris, Mrs. Ethel Mander, Horatio Anderson, J. C. Gotsky, J. Roy Thompson, Miss Marguerite Wainwright, L. L. Green and R. C. Williams.

## DETROIT AND TOLEDO WILL HAVE SPEEDWAYS

Michigan Course Will Be of Concrete and Two and a Half Miles Long.

Backed by Indianapolis capital, the Detroit speedway is now practically assured. A reorganization of the former organization, the Detroit Speedway Club, has taken place, and now it is the Detroit motor speedway, with practically all of the former officers and promoters eliminated.

The actual work of constructing the two-and-one-half-mile concrete speedway has been started by the contractors. All of the needed machinery is now on the grounds and a large force of men has been put at work, as the track must be completed by August 1, as per the contract.

#### Convenient Location.

The race course will be conveniently located from the city, being along the Detroit, Monroe and Toledo railroad and the interurban road, some ten miles from the city. The speedway is to be the most improved yet constructed, and the curves are to be made in such a way as to allow the drivers to take them at top speed, just as if they were driving along the straightaway. The grandstands will accommodate at least 10,000 people, and the special boxes and other special reservations on the track will enable another 75,000 people to be accommodated.

The track is to be inaugurated next Labor day, when a 500-mile race is to be run, for which a sanction has been granted by the American Automobile Association to William E. Metzgar.

#### Toledo Speedway.

The Toledo motor speedway, at Toledo, Ohio, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000, which is merely a nominal capitalization, and which is to be increased later. The incorporators are A. T. Atwood of the Atwood Auto Company, J. Edmund Pierce, New York; Paul T. Dagnor and John O'Leary, attorneys, and Edward H. Rockberger. The object of the promoters is to build a speedway two and one-quarter miles long, modeled after the Indianapolis track. Within the main track there is to be a one-mile speedway for horse races and also a mile track for motor car races. It is claimed that an option on a property has been obtained.

## TROUBLE WITH BATTERY ONE OF AUTOISTS' WOES

Methods of Avoiding Difficulties Are Revealed by Charles Rubel.

"With many motorists it is quite natural that they give very little attention to their cars when they are laid up for the winter. As a result, when overhauling them for use in the spring, they find that some of the most important parts have suffered from neglect," said Charles Rubel, local representative of the Willard Storage Battery Company, a few days ago.

"One of the most important factors in modern motor car construction is the storage battery. Upon its condition depends, to a great extent, the performance of the electric starting and lighting system. It is very provoking and sometimes expensive to find that your storage battery is dead, when you inspect it after winter storage.

#### Cause of Dead Battery.

"Probably the most frequent cause of a dead battery is failure to keep it filled with pure water. This has a very bad effect upon the construction of the battery, and if allowed to go too long will result in damage, which necessitates expensive repairs and sometimes the purchase of a new battery.

"In examining a battery that appears to be dead, a hydrometer syringe should be used to determine the specific gravity of the electrolyte. This test should be made before adding water. Should the battery charge prove to be lower than 1.275 it is necessary to recharge it. This may be done, in cases where the battery is not too weak, by running the motor and allowing the generator to recharge the battery to its normal condition. In connection with this, it is very important that the generator be adjusted properly, so that undercharging or overcharging will not occur.

#### Things That Are Essential.

"Inspection of wiring, to make sure that there are no grounded wires from insulation being worn off, no corroded terminals and no poor connections testing of lamps and cleaning of generator brushes are all as essential to efficient electrical performance as the cleaning of carburetor and gasoline line is to motor efficiency.

"The storage battery should be secured in its position, and have no foreign matter, such as waste, old rags, etc., around it to absorb moisture and injure its exterior.

"Nothing but distilled water, rain water, which has not touched metal, or melted artificial ice, should be used for filling a storage battery. Never put acid into your battery, because the solution must not be strengthened except by a battery expert.

"These instructions can be easily followed out by the man who drives a motor car, and it is surely worth his while to know that by doing so he will be relieved of storage battery trouble and never be up against it as far as electric starting and lighting are concerned."

#### Recent Hudson Deliveries.

Among the recent purchasers of 1915 Hudson 6-40 touring cars are Walter E. Coleman, Robert E. Rose, E. H. Neuman, W. A. Reeves, A. J. May, H. V. Budd and Dr. C. M. Gearhart, a roadster of the same make.

#### New Reo Car Owners.

During the past week 1915 Reo touring cars were delivered to George Pope, A. A. Hartle, George F. Warren, Judge R. M. Montgomery, Dr. William C. Thomas, F. A. Biddle and the Allegheny Coal Company, and a coupe to H. V. Landale.

## AUTO TRADE BODY MEETS.

Several Matters of Importance Discussed at Luncheon Thursday.

At a meeting of the Automobile Trade Association of Washington, D. C., held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Commercial Club, a number of matters affecting the local automobile dealers in the National Capital were discussed. The Combs-Howard Company was elected to membership in the organization.

In the absence of Claude E. Miller, a letter was read urging the association to take steps to secure the passage by Congress of a law that will give a garage lien preference over other claims and similar to that in vogue in Chicago. The association decided to subscribe to the bulletin through the Chicago Automobile Trade Association.

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The country is divided into zones and the prices obtained for used cars will be followed by the local dealers in making allowances.

Among those present at the luncheon, which preceded the meeting, were Joseph M. Stoddard, Robert H. Martin, Samuel A. Luttrell, J. J. Bartram, H. A. Jenks, George E. Howard, Paul Harper.

### Takes Racine Tire Agency.

Le Roy Livingston, in addition to representing the Hood tire in this section, has closed a contract to handle the Racine tire also. A service department has also been established in connection with the two agencies.

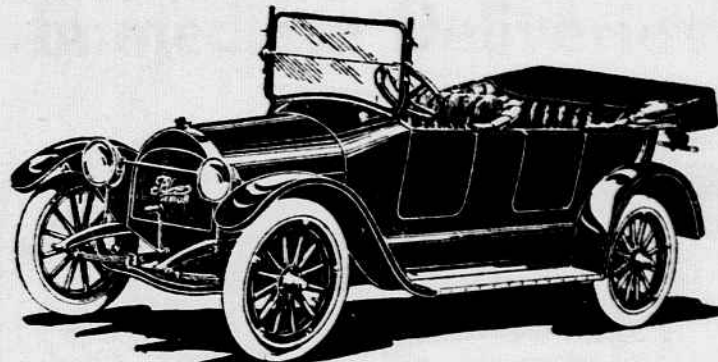
### Publicity Run Planned.

The Motor Club of Harrisburg, Pa., is planning a publicity run for May 10 to 12, and already has obtained promises for about 100 cars. The prime function of the run will be to advertise the city, and the leading business men, with officials of the municipality and the Chamber of Commerce, will make the trip. At the same time the pleasure side of the run will not be neglected, and those who have families are being told to bring them along.

### Takes Grant Car Agency.

The Zell Motor Car Company, 1405 H street northwest, announces that it has closed a contract to represent the Grant motor car in the National Capital and vicinity. The first Grant "Six" five-passenger touring car arrived here a few days ago and was placed on display at the local showroom.

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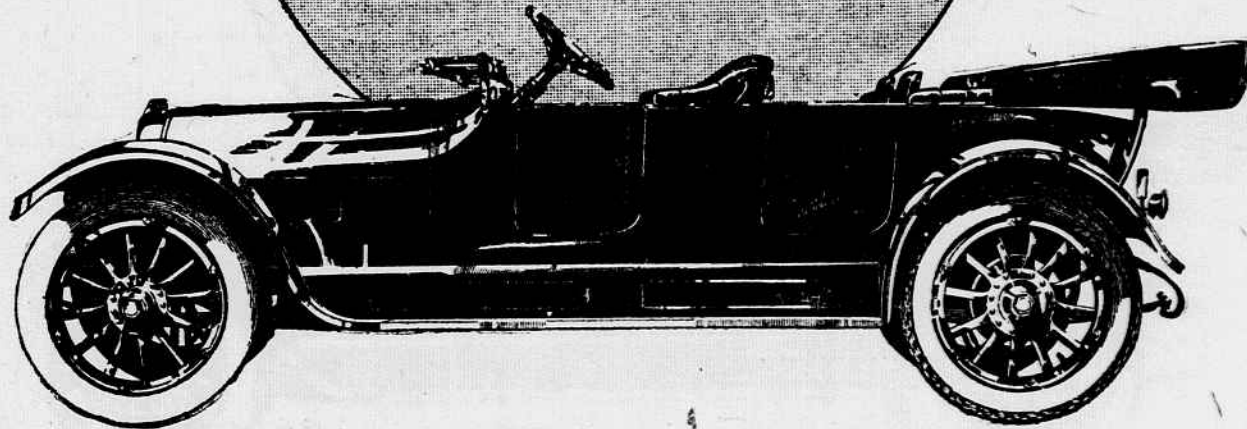
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